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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: Sandra M. Rayford

Pamela A. Kramer

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OF MEDICAL DEVICES

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Rayford:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on July 6, 2005, which has a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on October 6, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

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